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National Library Week Is April 14—20

When doing research, don't overlook the variety of specialized legal resources accessible at the law library that are not available on the Internet.

Genie Tyburski concludes her article, "Determine Where To Conduct Research (Internet vs. The Library)" by stating:

Ask yourself: "How important is the answer?"... if the answer is a matter of life or death, recognize your limitations. Not too many people are both subject and research experts. ¹

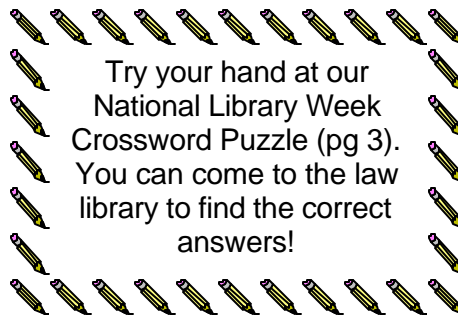
Marguerite Butler's article, "Rule 11—Sanctions and a Lawyer's Failure to Conduct Competent Legal Research," ² points out that:

Research skills atrophy if they are not used and the ever-increasing number of resources and changing ways in which the law can be accessed demands that lawyers, if they are to remain competent, be required to involve themselves in [continuing legal education in research instruction]. ³

Create Your Freedom: Assuming Equal Justice for All Law Day 2002

May 1st is quickly approaching. If your firm hasn't made plans to participate, "now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their... profession."

One simple thing to do would be to create a link to ABA's Law Day Quiz <<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/quiz02.html>> on your website's home page next month! The Law Day 2002 Quiz consists of a set of true/false questions about issues related to this year's Law Day theme, and offers your clients the opportunity to convey their thoughts on a set of related questions. After clicking "submit" they will be taken to a page where they can read more about the answers to the true/false questions.



Try your hand at our
National Library Week
Crossword Puzzle (pg 3).
You can come to the law
library to find the correct
answers!

Take Our Daughters To Work® Day

Thursday, April 25, 2002 marks the 10th anniversary of Take Our Daughters To Work® Day! Check this website: <<http://www.takeourdaughtersstowork.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=43>> for information on participating in this event!

A Solution too Good Not to Share: Web-Based Temporary Lawyers!

Swamped with paper work due yesterday? Read "Outsourcing Legal Research And Writing Through the Internet: An E-Commerce Success Story" by Robert M. Unterberger.

Mr. Unterberger is a lawyer and law professor whose article addresses the use of web-based temporary lawyers who are available on short notice to help you out of a tight spot. This article is located on the Web at: <<http://www.llrx.com/extras/outourcing.htm>> ⁴



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“Make Sure Your Laptop Won’t Stray”

Read about some new technology for keeping your laptop safe at <<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/03/14/technology/circuits/14STAT.html?todayshadlines>>. Requires free registration to view the article.



CaseClerk and Other Sources of Legal Information

If you are considering buying an online source of American legal information, be sure to read T. R. Halvorson’s article, “CaseClerk.com: SCOUT Rating Scale Review.” It not only reviews CaseClerk, but contains links with which to compare other sources. It can be found at: <<http://www.llrx.com/features/caseclerk.htm>> on the Web.⁵

In Need of Background Information on Individuals

If so, try U.S. Datalink at: <<http://www.usdatalink.com/>>, Accurate Background at: <<http://www.accuratebackground.com/home.mv>>, HRPlus at: <<http://www.hrplus.com/home.html>> (pricing information can be obtained by calling Anna Sauer at 800-935-8787) or Phoenix Research which is located in Cincinnati, but has no web site. Pricing information can be obtained by calling Bill Brown or Rich Misch at 800-260-1092.⁶



In addition, the law library offers OPEN which, for a fee, provides access to public records, including court records and credit reports.

Using the Internet to Find State Legislative History

Last month’s Legally Speaking contained an article on “Using the Internet to Find Federal Legislative History”. This month we’ll take a look at state legislative history which can be MUCH harder to find! Jan Bissett and Margi Heinen have written an excellent article for LLRX.com titled “State Legislative History” located on the Web at <<http://www.llrx.com/columns/reference34.htm>>.

In it they include a link to “*Finding State Legislation: A Web Tutorial*” to get you started, then suggest using a legislative research guide because many states have unique processes for creating laws. They provide many sources for finding such guides.

Members can access Ohio Capital Connection at the law library. This service offers not only the text of bills, but also committee meeting reports, and bill analysis.

Labor Research Portal

Berkeley’s Institute of Industrial Relations Library offers this useful metasite at: <<http://iir.berkeley.edu/~iir/library/webguides.html>>. While not new, the site is kept current, and the information here will be useful for anyone involved in any aspect of labor relations.⁷ While some of the resources are specific to California, the site is quite comprehensive, logically arranged, easy to navigate and many of the links have brief annotations.

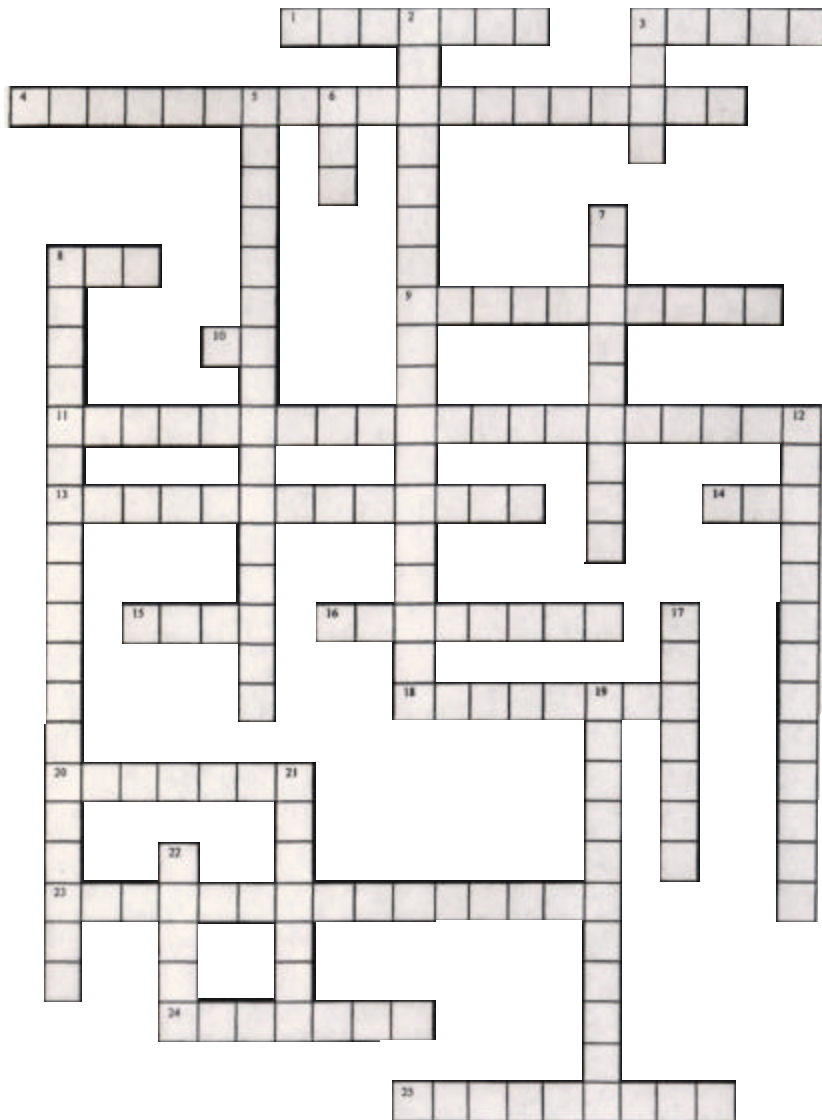


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Footnotes

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Puzzled by Legal Research?



ACROSS

1. Usually electronic, this tool assists its users to locate items in a library.
3. Westlaw documents include several parts. Title (ti) is an example of one.
4. The official reporter of the United States Supreme Court cases (3 words).
8. Compilation of federal agency regulations (abbreviation).
9. "3 Wheaton" is an example of this kind of reporter.
10. An example of a connector in a Lexis/ Westlaw terms and connectors search.
11. A publication containing all the uniform laws and information and whether states have adopted them (3 words).
13. American _____.
14. Microfiche provider of legislative history (abbreviation).
15. A civil wrong.
16. A series of one volume treatises published by West Publishing. (Hint: they are green)
18. Is your authority still good law?
20. Lists prior and subsequent history of a case, statute or other legal publication. The answer to 18 across is an example.
23. A set of books that briefly abstracts points of law from all cases in the United States (2 words).
24. Acts published in the order of enactment. Answer: _____ Laws.
25. An electronic index of legal periodicals that amongst other searching capabilities allows subject searching.

DOWN

2. A.L.R. (3 words)
3. West Key Number Innkeepers 10.6 represents what subject?
5. The West Publishing regional set that includes Florida cases (2 words).
6. An example of a connector in a Lexis or Westlaw terms and connectors search.
7. The abstracts of the law that appear at the beginning of most recent cases.
8. One of the two primary general legal encyclopedias (3 words).
12. In Shepards Case Analysis Treatment of Cases, what does "d" stand for?
17. One of the dominate proprietary legal databases providing full-text access to cases, statutes, administrative material, legislative information, etc.
19. Intended to be a clear and succinct description of the law in a particular subject area—yeah right!
21. The plaintiff in the Thoele, 1987 Missouri case.
22. One of the dominate proprietary legal databases providing full-text access to cases, statutes, administrative material, legislative information, etc.

Puzzled by Legal Research? Questions and Answers were created by Colleen Manning & Gigi Panagotocos Florida Coastal School of Law and found in the "Tenth Annual National Research Teach-In Training Kit"

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